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SUBJECT: DARTMOUTH CONFERENCES

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1. CONFERENCES FINANCED ALONG LINES OF MOST SOVIET-AMERICAN CULTURAL EXCHANGES -- I.E. SENDING SIDE PAYS INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION, RECEIVING SIDE PAYS INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES OF DELEGATES. KETTERING FOUNDATION PAYS ALL EXPENSES INCURRED BY US SIDE AND US PARTICIPANTS.

2. AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS SELECTED BY INFORMAL STEERING COMMITTEE, WHOSE MEMBERS INCLUDE DAVID ROCKEFELLER, CHARLES YOST (CHAIRMAN FOR 1974 CONFERENCE), NORMAN COUSINS, HARRISON BROWN, ROBERT CHOLLAR (PRESIDENT KETTERING FOUNDATION). EFFORT IS MADE TO INCLUDE HIGH-LEVEL PEOPLE WHOSE EXPERTISE COINCIDES WITH TOPICS DISCUSSED AT PARTICULAR CONFERENCE (I.E. BUSINESSMEN FOR TRADE DISCUSSIONS),BUT COMMITTEE FEELS WISEST TO EXCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES EXECUTIVE BRANCH, AS CONFERENCE DESIGNED TO PARALLEL RATHER THAN OVERLAP OFFICIAL CONTACTS. ALSO TRIES TO INCLUDE ABOUT 25 OF PARTICIPANTS AS REPEATERS FROM PREVIOUS CONFERENCES.

3. SOVIET SIDE DOES OWN SELECTION, BUT HAS BEEN AMENABLE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICAN NAME PROPOSALS, SUCH AS KOSYGIN SON-IN-LAW. US

SIDE PROVIDED TWO SENATORS IN 1969 IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET RE-

QUEST FOR SENATORIAL REPRESENTATION, BUT KETTERING FOUNDATION WAS UNABLE PAY THEIR EXPENSES DUE TO US TAX LAWS. EXPENSES CONGRESSIONAL PARTICIPANTS PAID FROM CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE FUNDS BUT (AS IN 1969 CASE) OCCASIONALLY OUT OF POCKETS OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS. BROWN

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